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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: 

Director of Training and Education

SUBJECT: Provision of Intelligence to U.S. Businesses

1. You asked that the Office Directors give you their opinions relating to the question of whether the Agency should or should not provide intelligence direct to U.S. businesses. I have discussed this matter with various senior officers of OTE and have found a unanimity of opinion that the direct provision of intelligence to U.S. businesses should be avoided.

2. We believe that such direct provision lies beyond the Agency's charter and could lead easily to charges of favoritism and to potential improprieties. The end result desired, namely, to provide U.S. businesses with information that would help them to compete in international markets, can be achieved by the dissemination of Agency information to other agencies which have as their responsibility the support of U.S. commercial interests. This is the course of action supported by people with whom I have discussed this matter.

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